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## "AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY LIMITS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF A CLAIM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2008) (a) A person who claims 4 to have been physically injured in an accident where such injury may be covered under a policy of nonfleet private passenger automobile insurance may request, by certified mail directed to the insurance 7 adjuster or to the insurance company at its last-known principal place of business, that the insurance company provide information 9 regarding the limits of coverage under the applicable policy. Upon 10 receipt of such request, which shall include the policyholder's name, 11 date and time of the accident, and if available, the policy number, the insurance company shall notify such person within fifteen business days, on a form developed by the Insurance Department, that the insurer is required to provide such information prior to litigation only

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15 if the person seeking the information satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) Such person submits to the insurer the person's written consent to all the person's medical providers to release to the insurer the person's medical records for the ten years prior to the date on which the claim arose, as they pertain to the claimed injury; and
  - (2) Such person submits to the insurer a copy of the accident report issued on the date on which the claim arose and a description of the events at issue to permit the insurer to make an initial determination of the potential liability of its insured.
  - (b) Within thirty days of receiving the person's written documents as required under subsection (a) of this section, the insurer shall provide a statement issued by an authorized agent of the insurer stating the names of the insurer and insured and the policy limits for the applicable nonfleet private passenger automobile insurance policy.
  - (c) Disclosure of the policy limits pursuant to this section shall not (1) constitute an admission that the alleged injury is subject to the policy, (2) waive any defenses to coverage available to the insurer, or (3) be admissible in evidence."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 January 1, 2008 New section

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